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Amongst the witnesses examined before the

Tongkin Commission of the French Chamber

was M. THOMSON, Governor of Cochinchina,

who is now in France on leave. There are

one or two points in his evidence which

merit remark. M. Thomson speaks as

representing the general feeling of Cochinchina,

and gives some particulars in

reference to that colony. He mentions

the fact that English and German firms pre-

dominate there, and gives as the reason that

the merchants of these two nationalities have

long studied the customs and the wants of

the natives and are thus able to cater for

them, while French merchants have not done

so, and the consequence is that French goods

are sold by English merchants as English

products. The latter statement we are

inclined to accept with great doubt, but M. Thomson

instance Roubaix goods (textile manu-

factures) as being sold under false

colours, and it is of course possible some

cases of this kind may have occurred. French-

men, he says, do not care to establish them-

selves so far away from home, and even when

they do they are the slaves of routine. He tells

us, further, that the home of Cochinchina

has always been that France would extend

its colonial domain to Tongkin. In view

however, of the fact that the purely French

trade of Cochinchina is so insignificant, no

such value can be attached to French

opinion there, as such, as it is really only the

opinion of the large army of officials main-

tained in the colony, and who of course ex-

pect to reap all the advantages from colonial

extension. The fact that the trade of the

French colonies falls into the hands of mer-

chants of other nationalities must be used

as an argument against such extension, as

the natural course would be to leave those

interested in the trade to secure their markets

by their own endeavours. But that which

cannot be done by open competition is not

attempted by means of protection. Last

year the Colonial Council expressed itself in

favour of the imposition of protective duties of

60 per cent. on foreign goods and in favour of

French goods, but before this can be brought

into operation there must be a Customs union

between Cochinchina, Tongkin, and Annam,

and this has not yet been organised. It is

safe to predict that when the proposed duties

come into existence, if they ever do, the

prosperity of Cochinchina will at once begin

to wane, and that the small advantage that

may be derived by French manufacturers

will be much more than counterbalanced by

the general falling off in the trade of the

colony.

has formally assented to the loss of Tongkin

she is far from being reconciled to it. In-

stead, she can be little doubt that if the

French are ever engaged in a serious war in

Europe China will seize the opportunity to

attempt the recovery of her lost dependencies.

It behoves France, therefore, to

accomplish the pacification of Tongkin with

all despatch, so as to leave China no good

ground of complaint as to the non-fulfilment

of the treaty and to be herself in as good a

position as possible to repel attack in her

new territory should it come.

The Straits Order in Council referring to the

carriage of deck passengers is published in

Saturday's Gazette.

The N. C. Daily News says that the Japan

one of Japan's direct steamers to Hongkong,

returned to Calcutta on the 24th inst.

By an Order of Her Majesty in Council part

of the Privy Council Order, 1881, is ordained

that the Straits Settlements, Hongkong, and

Lobau.

From the report of the steamer *Holow* pub-

lished in another column, it will be seen that

the wreck of a junk which ran aground at

Point on the 24th inst.

The Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.)

inform us that the *Chien Hing* steamer, dated

from London, left Singapore for this port on

Saturday, the 30th inst.

Mr. J. S. Brewer has been appointed Acting

Superintendent of the Fire Brigade and Mr. A.

Wagner, Acting Assistant Superintendent of

the same during the absence on leave of Mr.

H. E. Woodhouse.

The *Straits Times* says that the Russian

cruisers *Oprichnik* and *Rasboryk*, now in

Singapore, will probably return home, whilst

the *Ching Hai* and *Ching Hai* will remain at

Kororoff will go north.

The attention of masters of vessels is directed

to the notice to mariners in another column

intimating that in lat. 10.1 N. long. 108.37 E. the

steamer *Amphitrite* passed the wreck of a

vessel, apparently a bark or brig, just awash

with the surface of the water.

The *Hongkong Mercury* says that a scheme for

a new Chinese bank is in progress at the

Shan Pei of the 27th inst. It differs from a

previous scheme in that the Germans propose

to allow the Chinese Government the same rate

of interest on their deposits as they would charge

them on money loaned.

The British fleet in the Pacific, is the

Colony, Cyprus, Constantinople, British Guiana,

and other West India Islands. It is also in-

cluded in connection with the service to the

United Kingdom, and places beyond, that no

Chinese ship is allowed to call at any of the

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The Prisoners Ordinance, 1885, comes into

operation to-day.

The American corvette *Albatross*, Captain T. O.

Selfridge, left Ancon on the 22nd January for

Naguasaki.

The Recreation Committee of the Volunteer

Corps arranged last month for a shooting

competition for prizes given by the officers or

friends, or provided out of the Recreation Fund,

and have arranged a large competition for

March, when there will be about eight prizes to

be shot for by the members in two divisions, A

and B classes, the aggregate prize A class to be

a gold cross presented by Major Tripp. The

January competition was decided at the end of

last week, a cup given by Captain Francis being

the prize. This was won by Gunner Cornish

with some out of the possible 20. The

conditions for shooting were bad, very heavy

drizzle, and the wind was so strong that the

range of 200, 300, and 500 yards, five

shots at each, regulation marking.

Mr. Frank Wilson, the agent in advance of

Chin's Crows, has received a letter from Mr.

May, Secretary of the Recreation Committee,

dated January 27th, stating that the troops

arrived there on the 27th from Saigon per

French mail steamer. The greater portion of

the paraffin of the lamps shown at the time

of the shooting had been discharged from the

steamer. There had been some difficulty re-

garding the plot of ground which had been







